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I. Communist leaflets were distributed in Damascus, Syria, during the week prior to 23 June 1949; one of these outlined the following instructions to Party members:

- a. If a member of the Party, whose membership is unknown to the Police, is arrested for something which has no apparent connection with the Party, he is not compelled to disclose his membership.
- b. If a well-known Party member is arrested, he must not declare the type of work he is performing in the Party nor his responsibilities.
- c. If a Party member is arrested flagrante delicto (carrying tracts, etc.), he must defend the tracts, and refrain, regardless of torture or threats, from giving the name of the man who handed them to him. However, if it is possible to explain his possession of the tracts (or any other incriminating evidence), a member may lie his way out of the situation. In all cases, however, a member must refuse to sign any statement disapproving the contents of tracts or the ideas of the Party.
- d. No Party member, known or unknown, is allowed to declare in the newspapers that he has no membership in the Party or that he has withdrawn his membership. Nor is a member allowed to pledge to the Police that he will not undertake political activity.

The Directive was signed by the Central Command of the Communist Party.

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